GAIL has intimated that for Tapti and Panna-Mukta (PMT) gas present price being charged from power and fertilizer units is $0.75/MMBTU more that the APM price. This results in a hike of around 32p/k Wh in the variable cost for Kawas Thermal Power Station of NTPC.

Ministry of Power is committed to supply quality power at reasonable rates.

Selling power at high price in Delhi

4443. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the media, the Power Companies in Delhi are selling power to the consumers at double, the rate at which they are purchasing and still reporting heavy loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to eliminate this apparent contradiction?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Tariff for various categories of consumers are required to be decided by the State Regulatory Commissions in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. Accordingly, the bulk supply tariff rates at which the power is purchased by the Distribution companies in Delhi From Delhi Transco Limited and retail tariffs at which the power is sold by them to the consumers is determined by Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC). The bulk supply and retail tariffs for last three years is given in the statement.

Statement

Retail Tariff for the consumers for the period 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05

Paise/KWh

	2002-03	2003-04		2004-05
Domestic				
0-100	175	175	0-200	220
101-200	235	235	201-400	360
201-400	325	325	Above 400	410

Commercial				
	Supply on 11 KV	425*	425*	470*
	Supply on LT	500*	500*	540*
Industrial				
	Small Industry	445	445	485
	Large Industry			
	(a) Supply on 11 KV	375*	375*	410*
	(b) Supply on LT	450*	450*	460*

Note: *Rates in paise/Kvah

Bulk Supply Tariff as per orders of DERC:

Particular	FY 2002-03			FY 2003-04			FY 2004-05		
	NDPL	BRPL	BYPL	NDPL	BRPL	BYPL	NDPL	BRPL	BYPL
Bulk Supply Tariff (Ps./KWH)	152.49	151.96	132.1	157.5	160.05	125.94	211.56	207.78	156.47

Electrifiction of Villages

4444. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without electricity in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the plans to provide electricity to all villages including the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) A State-wise status of village electrification is given in the Statement (*See* below)

(b) A new scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana" for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and household Electrification has been launched for the attainment of the National Common Minimum Programme of providing access to electricity to all Rural Household in five years. The scheme would be implemented through Rural Electrification Corporation.